

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the Applicants have amended the specification to add relevant section headings, cancelled claims 1-11, and added new claims 12-20. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed, and do not introduce new matter. Accordingly, entry of the amendments to the specification and claims is respectfully requested. New claims 12-20 recite the invention in a format more common with U.S. practices.

Objection to the Specification

The specification is objected to as not including an abstract. An abstract is attached hereto. Entry of the abstract and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The specification is also objected to as not including section headings. The Applicants have amended the specification to include section headings per the Examiner's request. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Drawings

The Office Action objects to the drawings as not including applicable labels. A replacement set of drawings is attached hereto with legends added including labels for symbols in the drawings. Entry of these drawings and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested.

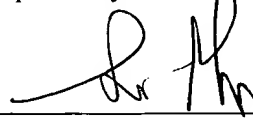
Claim Rejections

Claims 1-11 are rejected as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In order to present claims more consistent with standard U.S. practices, claims 1-11 are cancelled and new claims 12-20 are presented. It is asserted that new claims 12-

20 are patentable over the art of record and a notice of allowance reflecting the same is respectfully requested. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 103 is respectfully requested.

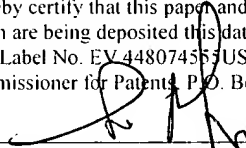
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